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**SNAKE Taming in England.**—A correspondent of the London Times, tells this story: I happened to know the gentleman and against whom a complaint was recently made because of the snakes he kept, and I should like to give a short account of my visit to him. Mr. M., after we had talked a little while, asked if I had any fear of snakes, and after a timid "No, not very," from me, he produced out of a cupboard a large black constrictor, a python, and several small snakes, which at once made themselves at home on the writing table, among pens, ink, and books. I was at first a good deal frightened, especially when the two large snakes coiled round and round my friend, and began to notice me with their bright eyes, and forked tongues; but soon finding how tame they were, I ceased to feel frightened.

After a short time Mr. M. expressed a wish to call Mrs. M. and left me with the box, deposited on an arm chair. I felt a little queer when the animal began gradually to come near, but the entrance of my host and hostess, followed by two charming little children, put me at ease again.

After the first interchange of civilities she and children went at once to the box, and calling it by the most endearing name, allowed it to twist itself most gracefully about them. I sat talking for a long time, lost in wonder at the picture before me. Two beautiful little girls with their charming mother sat before me with a box constrictor (as thick round as a small tree) twining playfully around the lady's wrist and neck, and forming a kind of turban round her head, expecting to be petted and caressed. One of the little girls, who was about five years old, made much of the box constrictor, and kissed its mouth, pushing aside its forked tongue in doing so. The animal seemed pleased, but kept turning its head continually towards me with a curious gaze until I allowed it to caress its head for a moment up my sleeve. Nothing could be prettier than to see this splendid serpent coiled all round Mrs. M. while she moved about the room, and when she stood to pour out our coffee. He seemed to adjust his weight so nicely, and every coil with its beautiful marking was relieved by the black velvet dress of the lady. It was long before I could make up my mind to end the visit, and I returned soon after with a friend (a distinguished M. P.) to see my snake-taming acquaintance again.

About a year ago Mr. and Mrs. M. were away for six weeks, and left the box in charge of a keeper at the Zoo. The poor reptile, moped, and slept, and anxiously inquired for Judge Quint. The Judge was not in, and the stranger was told take a seat. He did so, but seemed uneasy and restless, glancing furtively around, jumping up and pacing the floor, and ever and anon eagerly examining something which was wrapped up in an old red handkerchief. The visitor's conduct attracted the attention of those in the office, and one of the clerks inquired what was the matter. Taking the latter by the arm, the excited stranger, led him to the corner of the room, and then, with trembling hands unwrapped the old handkerchief, and exclaimed, "I've got the biggest diamond in the world!" exhibiting at the same time to the astonished gaze of the clerk a clean, white piece of quartz, about the size of a hen's egg. Just then Judge Quint came in, and the man seized upon him, exhibited his prize, and announced that it was worth five millions of dollars. He then said that numerous parties were following him around offering enormous sums for the diamond. He had concluded to sell it for five millions of dollars, and wanted Judge Quint to draw up the contract of sale and see that everything was all right. The lawyer evidently suspected that everything was not at all right, at least in the mind of his visitor, and after examining the jagged, rusty piece of quartz he called him the next day. A Post reporter hearing of the affair, interviewed the Judge immediately, and learned from him that the "hazard-looking" stranger was an old miser of El Dorado county, that he had come to the city on a visit, and had been seized with the diamond fever. His five million dollar diamond was nothing more than a piece of California quartz, but it had turned the poor fellow's head and threatened to lead him to the lunatic asylum. Since then we have been informed that the man has returned home, still clutching his imaginary treasure, and laboring under the delusion that he is a five-fold millionaire. —San Francisco Post.

**TURNED HIS BRAIN.**—A middle aged male of El Dorado county, called at the law office of Quint & Hardy, in Montgomery block, a few days since, and anxiously inquired for Judge Quint. The Judge was not in, and the stranger was told take a seat. He did so, but seemed uneasy and restless, glancing furtively around, jumping up and pacing the floor, and ever and anon eagerly examining something which was wrapped up in an old red handkerchief. The visitor's conduct attracted the attention of those in the office, and one of the clerks inquired what was the matter. Taking the latter by the arm, the excited stranger, led him to the corner of the room, and then, with trembling hands unwrapped the old handkerchief, and exclaimed, "I've got the biggest diamond in the world!" exhibiting at the same time to the astonished gaze of the clerk a clean, white piece of quartz, about the size of a hen's egg. Just then Judge Quint came in, and the man seized upon him, exhibited his prize, and announced that it was worth five millions of dollars. He then said that numerous parties were following him around offering enormous sums for the diamond. He had concluded to sell it for five millions of dollars, and wanted Judge Quint to draw up the contract of sale and see that everything was all right. The lawyer evidently suspected that everything was not at all right, at least in the mind of his visitor, and after examining the jagged, rusty piece of quartz he called him the next day. A Post reporter hearing of the affair, interviewed the Judge immediately, and learned from him that the "hazard-looking" stranger was an old miser of El Dorado county, that he had come to the city on a visit, and had been seized with the diamond fever. His five million dollar diamond was nothing more than a piece of California quartz, but it had turned the poor fellow's head and threatened to lead him to the lunatic asylum. Since then we have been informed that the man has returned home, still clutching his imaginary treasure, and laboring under the delusion that he is a five-fold millionaire. —San Francisco Post.

**DRINKING WATER.**—Drinking wine is a habit, so is drinking spirits, ale, cider, coffee, and water. The last is thought a necessity, but to drink much is a habit. Some people drink little—not because their constitutions require less than others; it is their habit. Those people never persevere so much in the habit of drinking water. The more they drink the more water passes away, and the system would suffer. As it is the brain, lungs, are all drawn upon, the results, as may be naturally expected, exhaustion. For this reason, the man who drinks much water, particularly in the summer, and in the hottest weather, is less able to endure fatigue. The water is of no benefit to him—that is the excess. It must pass away, and this requires an effort of the system, which is the sweating process. Had he not used the excess of water he should not have perspired so; it would have been there for the system to expel. It is a habit to drink water so much; a false thirst is created. We should drink only what is needed. The habit of drinking will soon be overcome, and the person will feel much stronger, and more capable of bearing fatigue. In winter little fluid is needed beyond what our food furnishes; in summer, some more; but not much. —Country Gentleman.

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CURE

This unrivalled Medicine is warranted not to contain a single particle of Mercury, or any injurious mineral substance, but is purely vegetable.

**PURELY VEGETABLE.**  
FOR FOURTEEN YEARS it has proved its great value in all diseases of the LIVER, BOWELS and KIDNEYS. Thousands of the good and great in all parts of the country purify for its wonderful and peculiar power in purifying the Blood, stimulating the torpid LIVER and BOWELS, and imparting new Life and Vigor to the whole system. SIMMONS' LIVER REGULATOR is acknowledged to have no equal as a

**LIVER MEDICINE.**  
It contains four medicinal elements, never united in the same happy proportion in any other preparation, viz: A gentle Cathartic, a wonderful Tonic, an unexceptionable Alternative and a certain Corrective of all impurities of the body. Such signal success has attended its use, that it is now regarded as the

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Regulate the Liver and prevent.

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Price \$1 per package; sent by mail, postage paid, \$1.25. Prepared ready for use in bottles, \$1.50. SOLD BY ALL DRUGGISTS.  
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PURE DRUGS AND CHEMICALS, PAINTS,  
VARNISHES, OILS, PUTTY,  
No. 108 King Street,  
PROMPT ATTENTION GIVEN TO ORDERS AND INQUIRIES FROM THE COUNTRY. mar 10-12

**CLARRIDGE & GRIGG,**  
DEALERS IN  
PURE DRUGS AND CHEMICALS, Patent Medicines,  
Foreign and Domestic Perfumery, Fancy Toilet Articles, Hair, Tooth, and Nail Brushes, Pure  
Wine and Liqueurs,  
No. 50, 52 and 54 Royal Street, Alexandria, Va.  
Special attention given to the compounding of prescriptions. nov 13

**SAMUEL H. JANNEY, MAHON H. JANNEY,**  
**JANNEY & CO.,**  
DEALERS IN  
PURE DRUGS, LEADERS, WHITE LEAD,  
Paints, Oils and Varnishes,  
FRENCH WINDOW GLASS & PUTTY,  
No. 145 King Street,  
Orders and Inquiries from the country promptly attended to. sep 23-12

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G. W. JAMESON, C. H. COLLINS,  
**Alex. Iron and Brass Works.**

**JAMESON & COLLINS,**  
Proprietors.  
Building Material, Mill Work and Castings of every description, made at short notice.  
Cash paid for old Iron and Brass.  
sep 6-12

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Where he is prepared to furnish all kinds of  
MACHINERY, WROUGHT and CAST  
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Repairing done with dispatch, and at prices that were charged previously to the war. Jan 20

**PHILIP PARK,**  
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The oldest and best established Plumbing establishment in the city. All work done with dispatch, and in the most durable and workmanlike manner. Satisfaction guaranteed.  
JOBING done at short notice, and by himself, or the most experienced workmen. ja 2-12

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ALEXANDRIA, VA.  
C. T. ERVIN.  
Sept 2, 1872

We shall endeavor to keep a full stock of articles in our line for the wholesale and retail trade. Give us a call. KNOX & ERVIN, sep 2-12  
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An elegant assortment of new and beautiful WINDOW SHADES,  
Blue, Green and White Plain Shades.  
All of the best Shade Fixtures.  
New styles of Window Cornices, Band and Curtain Hooks, &c., &c.  
P. L. CLARK'S,  
No. 108 King Street,  
ap 6

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN.** That application will be made to the Corporation of Alexandria, for the renewal of the following CERTIFICATES OF STOCK, standing in the name of P. E. Hoffman, trustee for his sister, viz: Stock of 1863 for \$1,400; do. of 1864 for \$2,200; do. of 1865 for \$2,200; also \$200 of stock of 1862, standing in the name of P. E. Hoffman. aug 19-12w2m

**BANK OF THE OLD DOMINION.**  
Alexandria, Va., August 8, 1872.  
The Board of Directors have this day declared a sixth dividend of the assets of the Bank of SIXTEEN DOLLARS per share, payable on and after Thursday, September 13, 1872, at the City National Bank.  
WM. H. LAMBERT, Cashier.  
ap 6

**PURE BERMUDA ARROW ROOT** for sale by  
"GEO. M. BERRY & SON,"  
No. 108 and 170 King Street.  
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FOR THE COMING SEASON.  
A large and varied assortment of all the leading SCHOOL BOOKS and School requisites, at very low prices, for sale at

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Agent for the PATENT NOISELESS RUBBER CORNERED SLATE. No more scratching of desks; no noise; no breaking of slates; the best slates on the market.

**LIQUID SLATING** for blackboards; pints and quarts.  
**CHALK CRAYONS**, all colors.  
**DRAWING, EXERCISE and COMPOSITION BOOKS**, all sizes.  
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**FABER'S DRAWING PENCILS**, in boxes.  
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**THE SILICATE BOOK SLATE**, all sizes, from the Pencil Memorandum to the largest size for schools.

**SCRAP BOOKS**, all sizes and styles.  
**FINE GOLD PENN** a specialty. I keep the pens of three of the most celebrated makers in this country. The new short rib is a particularly excellent pen for schools.

**INK**—On hand from eighteen different manufacturers, English, French and American; all sizes, from 1 oz. to 12 oz. and other's MUCILAGE, quarts and pints, and all sizes down to the smallest.  
Fifty different styles of **STEEL PENS**, English, French and American.

**RUBBER BANDS**, all sizes and widths.  
**FABER'S PENCIL RUBBER and INK ERASER**, very fine article.  
**AGENT for SCHEDULE G GLOBES**, adapted by the Public Schools of Virginia.

**PATENT BOOK CLAMP** for boys and girls, a very neat and handy thing for carrying books.  
**THE SCHOLAR'S COMPANION** is a neatly printed book, containing Pen-holder, Lead Pencil and Slate Penholder, Crayon, Vaseline and Rubber, very complete. 2c.

**The new Nile Green and Violet Spelling CARD** is one of the season. All the new styles long and square. White French Bristol and WEDDING CARDS, in boxes of 50 each; mailed to any part of the country on receipt of 25 cents.

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The largest stock of **BLANK BOOKS** in this country, consisting of Cap, Demy and Medium Ledgers, from 5 to 10 quires each; full bound and journals to match.

A very complete stock of half-bound Blank Work, Day Books and Ledgers, Pass Books and Memorandum Books.  
**CHECK BOOKS** on the First National and Citizens National Banks of Alexandria; new plates just engraved; the handiest check in the State; in books of 100, 200, 300, 500 and 1000 each; cheaper than common printed checks.

**RUSSIA LEATHER GOODS**, comprising Travelling Bags, Satchels, the new popular Belt Satchel, Pocket Books and Card Cases; very handsome.  
**BANKERS' CASES**, all sizes.  
The best and most useful assortment of stationery of items, which together form one of the best stocks of first-class goods in the State. aug 31

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Will furnish  
PLANS,  
DRAWINGS,  
DESIGNS and SPECIFICATIONS,  
for all kinds of BUILDINGS.  
Corner King and Fairfax streets, over Burke & Herbert's Banking House. sep 9-12

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Special attention will be given to the prosecution of Bankrupt business, under the recent amendment of the Bankrupt act, which allows the Bankrupt to retain about \$2500 worth of property.  
Circulars, containing the amendment, sent upon application. aug 17-d&w3m

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I desire to call attention to my large assortment of Violin and Guitar Strings, of my own importation; better in quality and cheaper than any offered heretofore, comprising genuine Italian, French and German Strings, at wholesale and retail.

Always on hand fine new and second-hand PIANOS for sale or rent.  
Smith's superior Parlor and Church Organs.  
I am agent for Wm. Knabe & Co's. Grand Pianos, offering them for sale at factory prices; and at accommodating terms, usual in other cities.

**SHEET MUSIC**, new and popular, a select stock always on hand. I will supply any Music published upon being furnished with the correct name of the piece and composer thereof. The usual discount to teachers and schools.  
Music and Strings sent to order by mail. All kinds of Musical Instruments repaired, tuned, packed, &c.

Terms always cash, with the exception of those mutually agreed upon for Pianos and Organs. sep 4-12

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No. 130 King Street,  
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Looking Glasses,  
Hair, Cotton Top  
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kept constantly on hand and made to order at reasonable prices.  
In order to secure prompt attention orders should be addressed to  
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Respectfully call attention to his large assortment of FURNITURE, which he is selling, quality considered, as low as can be bought in this or any other market.

**PARLOR SUITS**, in Hair, Cloth or Reps; Marble Top Centre Tables, Whatnots, Hat Racks, Lounges, Office, Dining, Rocking, Side and Children's Chairs, Breakfast and Dining Tables and Hair Top Mattresses constantly on hand. Agents for the celebrated  
**NE PLUS ULTRA SPRING BEDS**, pronounced by those who have examined them to be the very best Spring Beds ever offered in this market.  
REPAIRING promptly attended to at moderate prices. mh 18-12

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**NOTICE OF COPARTNERSHIP.**  
I have associated with me as a manufacturer and dealer in  
**Cabinet Furniture,**  
my son,  
JAMES M. BRADLEY.  
The business will, in future, be conducted under the name of  
C. C. BRADLEY & SON.

The new firm hopes to share a portion of the public patronage, and invites all to call and examine their line and handsome assortment of  
**PARLOR SUITES**, in Hair, Cloth, Reps and Walnut and Oak Chamber Suites in every variety. We also have on hand some very beautiful inlaid Fancy Tables and Portable Writing Desks, Bureaus, Bedsteads, Washstands and Chairs of many styles.

Those in need of Furniture will do well to examine our stock before purchasing, as we are prepared to sell at very low figures. Jan 8-12

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Having fitted up our factory with the latest and most approved machinery, we are prepared to furnish all kinds of HOUSE, OFFICE and SCHOOL FURNITURE at the very lowest rates; and are also prepared to do all kinds of SAWING and TURNING, MOULDING PLANING and CARVING in our line.

Wanted, in exchange for the Furniture, Walnut, Poplar, Oak, Maple, Birch and Cedar Logs, ju 8-12

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A full supply of pure BOSTON ICE constantly on hand. Orders left with the drivers of wagons or at my office will receive prompt attention. Ice securely packed to fill country orders. F. A. REED, Agent. ju 20-3m

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Having completed his improvement in Market alley, has an ICE DEPOT there, where ice can be obtained from 5 a. m. to 9 p. m. Orders left at the Drug Store of Mr. Samuel Lamb, corner of King and Washington streets, will meet with prompt attention. Wagons will deliver ice daily to all private families ordering it. ap 28-12

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**J. L. MURRAY,**  
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